

# General PTA Meeting Notes – October 11, 2023

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Around 32 attendees

Started at 7:05 pm

Amy Hall-Oliver started the meeting and passed to Mr. Price for Principal update

## Principal Update

- Mr. Price outlined there is always so much to thank the PTA for – big thank you to Zohre Rutledge and volunteers for successful Back to School picnic – adjusting to inside and went very well
- Mr. Price sees families reading notices on the bulletin board – so glad to have those announcements available
- Kids have learned GaGa and have been using the GaGa pit
- Looking forward to Hispanic Heritage dance event this Friday
- October is good for rhythm in the classroom as we have 4 full weeks in the classroom

## Treasurer's report and Secretary's report

- Brian explained detailed budget was outlined last month
- Joy and Brian explained minutes are taken each month, will be posted on the website
- Jess motioned to approve – Twanisha seconded – approved by the group

## Ways & Means

- Zohre outlined Trunk or Treat
- October 21 2:00 to 4:00 pm on the Blacktop
- Free for all St. Cloud families
- We can have 25-30 Trunks – feel free to partner up to host a trunk
- Families who don't host trunks can also donate candy for the trunks
- Will also need volunteers to set up and clean
- Best Decorated Trunk Contest
- Can donate candy or other giveaway items– by Kindergarten doors in morning and afternoon drop-off/pick-up Friday 10-13
- Highlight of 2023 events coming up
  - Book Fair – volunteers will be needed – invitations around mid-November
  - Holiday Bazaar December 2

## Diversity Council

- Multiple activities for Hispanic/Latinx month – Mr. Price discussed
- November activities include Ruby Bridges Day and Diwali festivities
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## After School Programs

- Holly explained that the program started this week
- So popular that several classes filled extremely quickly – may adjust the offerings for lower and older grades to allow for more sessions in the next round
- Big thank you to all the parent volunteers
- New teachers this year too – Mr. Swart is doing Printmaking, Ms. Gbur doing book club
- Will have a Spring session in the future -come to PTA meetings to continue to know details
- Also collected Halloween costumes for Jersey Cares – thanks for the contributions

### **Presidents Update**

- Several updates were included in previous items
- Will start having polls available on the website to allow for additional engagement

### **5th Grade committee**

- Twanisha said any 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited – can click on the QR code from slides to get more involved
- Planning committee has started meeting on Monday evenings
- Held a bake sale at the BTS picnic – big thanks to all the parents for making goodies and being aware of dietary and allergy restrictions
- Double Good Popcorn sale -October 17-21 – see flyer in Wednesday Folder and on Facebook
- Upcoming Family Dinner nights – Panera and Chipotle coming
- At Trunk or Treat, there is “5<sup>th</sup> grade alley” for Trunks to be together
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also sell pumpkins at Trunk or Treat

### **Spirit Wear**

- Dania explained the online store is available through October 30
- New items available – Black Fleece and long sleeve t-shirts
- Place your orders now
- Mr. Price and Ms. Williams will provide details on new teachers so PTA can gift some spirit wear

### **Cultural Arts**

- Brian provided update
- Author Assembly on October 19 – Jay Miletsky
- Additional Author assemblies coming up
- Diversity Council and Cultural Arts combined efforts to offer Hispanic coffee and snacks for Teachers on Friday 10/13

### **Communications**

- Sabrina provided updates
- Highlights on how to know about events and activities
  - Join the PTA – gets you on the mailing list
  - Join PTA Facebook group and your individual grade Facebook
  - Communications Board on the blacktop
  - Wednesday Folder

### **Membership**

- Brian and Raquel provided updates – we have around 130 members and want to continue to increase the participation
- Joining the PTA can be what you want – the \$15 membership

### **Q&A**

- Halloween/Fall Festival/Character day – will offer a parade at 1:30 on Stagg field – School will send out details – families are welcome to attend
- Question if we can have Zoom recordings of meetings – Brian explained that minutes can be used for reference – may consider recordings in the future

- Sizes on questions for SpiritWear – Dania and Diem were nice enough to provide a fashion show of some tie-dye
- Class Parents have been selected – there were lots of volunteers so final selection was random (out of a hat). Teachers are communicating with class parents and all volunteers – if you are not the class parent, there are still lots of ways to get involved.

**Meeting ended at 7:57 pm**